

co-owned by Linc Hayes and Connie King, two small business owners who have dedicated their time to continue the mountain tradition.

Mr. Wallingford is not only known for opening Lost Valley for Mainers and tourists alike, but is also considered one of the fathers of snowmaking and grooming. He was the originator of the "fan gun," a piece of snowmaking equipment that sprays a mist that is fanned to cover a large area. His first attempts created more ice than snow, but that was eventually remedied by removing water from the snowmaking system. He then developed, 30 years before they became a fad, snow guns on elevated poles.

It was not, however, Mr. Wallingford's penchant for creating snow, but his dedication to improving skiing conditions that brought him to the forefront of the ski industry. In order to create a more skiable terrain, Otto transformed old farm equipment into the predecessor of the modern "snow groomer." An agricultural engineering graduate from the University of Maine, Mr. Wallingford used a tractor and attached a roller with a chain-like material that pulverized the snow. His "Powder Maker" was so successful that he crafted and sold them to other ski resorts both in the U.S. and abroad. A majority of his original snowmaking equipment is still in use at Lost Valley today! Following the tradition of providing a mountain that caters to all ages and skill levels, Lost Valley Ski Area offers the Central Maine Adaptive Sports Program, or CMAS. The CMAS provides a disabled person the chance to ski, and "focuses on student's abilities rather than their disabilities." The program is staffed by volunteers who coach skiers one-on-one in order for them to learn the basic skills. It is both the physical activity and the focus on gaining self confidence that keeps students coming back. Through this and other programs at Lost Valley, students are able to train for the Olympics and "Go for the Gold," like famed skier and three-time Olympian Julie Parisien, who grew up skiing at Lost Valley.

Maine is home to scores of innovators and philanthropists. Linc Hayes and Connie King are following in that tradition by keeping Lost Valley Ski area a beacon of history, learning, and fun. Their commitment of providing a place for all to enjoy snow sports is what makes Lost Valley such a special place. I thank them and everyone at Lost Valley for their efforts, and wish them 50 more years of success.●

REMEMBERING RAYMOND "BUTCH" SWANSON

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President today I wish to pay tribute to Raymond "Butch" Swanson, of Anaconda, MT.

Butch passed away last evening. People in Anaconda say that Butch had the biggest heart of anyone they had ever

known. He always put others' needs ahead of his own. He was the first one to show up with chicken noodle soup if a neighbor was sick. He was the nephew who helped an ailing uncle. He was the man who walked to his mother's house to wind her antique clock each week until her death.

He was an extraordinary teacher. He taught first grade and loved it. Every student was like his own son or daughter, and he always pushed them, letting them know that their dreams were possible. It was his life's work.

That devotion to his students came through in his love for his family. He was a proud and loving father and grandfather, who engaged fully in the raising of his four children. He doted on his two grandchildren.

Most important, he was a proud, loving, and great husband. His wife Kathy serves in the Montana House of Representatives. Butch was so proud of Kathy and her incredible work in the legislature for Montanans.

He not only served his family and his community, he served the State and the country he loved so much in the Montana National Guard.

Anaconda will miss Butch Swanson. To the generations of students he taught, to his family and to his community, Butch Swanson was a caretaker who always put other people first. He lived a quiet, humble life and is a lesson to us all on what it means to be a fine person, a fine Montanan, and a fine American. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4. An act to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:49 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 662. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 4. An act to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-778. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Shungnak, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2010-1104)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-779. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Groundfish Fisheries Off Alaska" ((RIN0648-BA31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-780. A communication from the Policy Advisor/Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Part 87 of the Commission's Rules Concerning the Aviation Radio Service" (FCC 11-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-781. A communication from the Policy Advisor/Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Part 87 of the Commission's Rules Concerning the Aviation Radio Service" (FCC 10-103) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-782. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Enfield, New Hampshire; Hartford and White River Junction, Vermont; and Keesville and Morrisonville, New York)" (MB Docket No. 05-162) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-783. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure" (RIN3072-AC41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-784. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model MD-90-30 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-1043)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-785. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation,